

PROBA DE VERIFICARE A CUNOȘTIȚELOR DE LIMBA ENGLEZĂ
pentru admiterea în clasele a IX-a cu program bilingv
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NOTA. Timp de lucru 60 de minute. Toate subiectele sunt obligatorii.
Se acordă 10 puncte din oficiu. Total = 70 puncte

I. Read the following text and choose the correct answer (A, B or C):

(5 x 1 point = 5 points)

Giza is the home of the Pyramids. Tourists come from all over the world to visit these amazing structures. However, there is great concern about the future of these ancient monuments. Archaeologist Zahi Hawass is very worried. According to him, a terrible thing is happening in Giza. Near the pyramids there are camels and horses everywhere. Merchants compete to sell souvenirs to tourists. He believes that under these conditions it's difficult for visitors to feel how magical the Pyramids really are. He intends to protect the Pyramids from the physical damage caused by tourism.

Giza is the only one of the Seven wonders of the Ancient World that still exists – the Great Pyramid. However, it's also home to more than four million people. This is another threat to the site of the Pyramids because more and more houses are being built around it. Government officials can't do anything about the existing housing, but they're hoping something else will stop the city getting closer. The construction of a wall around the site has begun to protect the Sphinx and the Pyramids. It was designed to control the number of people entering the site and to keep the area more peaceful. It will also keep out souvenir sellers and animals. As Hawass says, this is a very wise development that will safeguard the Pyramids for future generations. If the important task of building the wall is not completed soon, the magic of the Pyramids may be gone in a hundred years.

1. Giza is a famous site visited for ...
 - A. its merchants.
 - B. the camels and horses.
 - C. the Sphinx and the Pyramids.
2. The Pyramids are in danger because of...
 - A. the weather.
 - B. the archaeologists.
 - C. tourism.
3. The Government officials ...
 - A. are helping the people build more houses.
 - B. are surrounding the monuments with a wall.
 - C. control the tourists who are not peaceful.
4. Zahi Hawass is worried about...
 - A. the future of the Pyramids.
 - B. the quality of the souvenirs.
 - C. the safety of the camels.
5. The wall around the site...
 - A. is going to help the sellers and animals.
 - B. is one of the Seven Wonders of the Ancient World.
 - C. is designed to prevent the destruction of the monuments.

II. Choose the correct prepositions:

(10 x 1 point = 10 points)

I've always been interested (1) **in/on** everything to do with technology. I'm quite good (2) **at/for** Maths and science but I'm also very keen (3) **at/on** electronic music. I'd like to study music and electronics when I finish school and then make records. My parents are a bit worried (4) **for/about** this idea because they say it's not very practical. I don't think they're aware (5) **for/of** all the fantastic computer music that's coming out now and how popular it is. Some people don't like it, of course, because they say that music shouldn't be produced by machines. Personally, I don't think there's anything wrong (6) **with/at** computers producing music. I suppose many of us are afraid (7) **about/of** machines. It's a bit similar (8) **to/at** the reactions a lot of people have to robots. I think we're often nervous (9) **about/for** machines that imitate things humans can do and that's why we have such strong reactions (10) **to/at** them.

III. Use the words in capitals to form a word that fits:

(10 x 1 point = 10p)

All students throughout the world sit for (1) (**EXAMINE**) at some point in their lives. If students are (2)..... (**SUCCESS**), they get a formal (3).....(**QUALIFY**) that enables them to get a job or continue with further (4)(**EDUCATE**). Most formal testing involves a (5)..... (**MIX**) of techniques, but the most common form requires students to show that they have a detailed (6)..... (**KNOW**) of the subject area. If students do not pass, that's not considered failure, they simply need more time to study. Some of them are simply (7)(**LUCK**). The (8)..... (**MAJOR**) who pass, do so because they have made a good (9).....(**IMPRESS**) on the examiner and have also succeeded in showing their (10).....(**INTELLIGENT**).

IV. Complete the second sentence so that it means the same as the first, using no more than three words, including the word given. On your paper, write only the missing words:

(5 x 1 point = 5 points)

e.g. I prefer swimming to cycling. **MORE**

I like swimming more than cycling.

1. Why doesn't she apply for a new job? I
If I were her, _____ for a new job.
2. The last time I had a business meeting with him was in February. **HAD**
I _____ a business meeting with him since February.
3. I have never met such a clever man as the chef. **MAN**
The chef is the _____ I have ever met.
4. "Did you buy Italian food?", Jim asked Carol. **IF**
Jim asked Carol _____ bought Italian food.
5. There aren't many tourists in this area.
There are _____ in this area. **TOURISTS**

V. Write the correct form of the verbs in brackets:

(10 x 1 point = 10p)

1. We won the match because we ____ (**practise**) hard the week before.
2. You look worried. _____ (**you, think**) about what happened last night?
3. When you rang, I _____ (**do**) my geography homework.
4. Igor _____ (**play**) cricket for long, but he's already quite good at it.
5. I _____ (**live**) in Germany for five years now. I _____ (**move**) here in 2009.
6. If we _____ (**go**) to Greece next summer, we will visit the islands.

7. The school I go to _____ (**build**) in 1973.
8. I would buy that car if you _____ (**lend**) me some money.
9. My dad _____ (**always, forget**) my mom's birthday! It really annoys her.

VI. Read the text below and decide which answer (A, B, C or D) best fits each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

(10 x 1 point = 10p)

Michelle Whiteman has (0)....**D**.... her life to protecting the orang-utan. For ten months of the year she works in the jungles of Borneo, watching and studying the great apes in their natural (1)..... The rest of the time she spends in the UK raising (2)..... of the need for help. Like many of the animals in the islands of Indonesia, the orang-utan is in (3).....danger.

The destruction of the jungles is so severe that (4)..... to some experts the species may be extinct within ten years. In addition to the destruction of their jungle homes, the animals are also at (5).....due to hunting and the capture of wild animals for the pet trade. Furthermore, their population does not increase rapidly: a female orang-utan has a (6)..... baby only once every eight years .

Orang-utans are solitary animals which (7).....almost all of their time in the trees, (8)..... for food or sleeping . They can weigh up to 77 kilos, which means they are also the largest tree-living animals in the world.

Michelle learnt about orang-utans while studying zoology at Bristol University. “ When I read about the terrible situation in Indonesia, I could (9).....believe it. There are a great (10)..... of new animal species there that could become extinct before we have had a chance to discover them!

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| 0. | A chosen | B selected | C decided | D dedicated |
| 1. | A places | B locations | C habitats | D sites |
| 2. | A knowledge | B appreciation | C awareness | D realization |
| 3. | A grave | B terrific | C thrilling | D tragic |
| 4. | A relating | B furthermore | C further | D according |
| 5. | A risk | B trouble | C hazard | D threat |
| 6. | A lonely | B one | C single | D unique |
| 7. | A take | B spend | C pass | D wait |
| 8. | A finding | B locating | C seeking | D searching |
| 9. | A hardly | B almost | C just | D absolutely |
| 10. | A amount | B group | C number | D lot |

VII. For questions from 1-10, read the text below and think of the word which best fits each gap. Use only ONE word in each gap. There is an example at the beginning (0).

(10 x 1 point = 10 points)

I think (0) *it* is wrong for wild animals (1) _____ be kept in cages for people's entertainment. And let's face (2) _____, that's all zoos are – entertainment. People go on about the so-called 'educational value' of zoos, but you learn more (3) _____ animals from wildlife documentaries (4) _____ TV than you do from looking (5) _____ them in the artificial environment of a cage. And I've never really understood the idea that (6) _____ people learn something from visiting a zoo, it somehow benefits the species (7) _____ animal they've seen there. How does that work? Of all the people who've ever seen a tiger in a zoo, how many have (8) _____ inspired to spend any time or money trying to help save wild tigers from extinction? Virtually none, I imagine. And as for the argument that breeding endangered species in zoos ensures they won't become extinct, wouldn't it (9) _____ better to protect those animals by preserving their natural habitats, (10) _____ example by doing something about deforestation?

BAREM DE CORECTARE SI NOTARE

I. Key: 1.C, 2.C, 3.B, 4.A, 5.C.

II. Key: 1. in; 2. at; 3. on; 4. about; 5. of; 6. with; 7. of; 8. to; 9. about; 10. to.

III. Key: 1. **EXAMINATIONS**; 2. **SUCCESSFUL**; 3. **QUALIFICATION**;
4. **EDUCATION**; 5. **MIXTURE**; 6. **KNOWLEDGE**; 7. **UNLUCKY**; 8. **MAJORITY**;
9. **IMPRESSION**; 10. **INTELLIGENCE**.

IV. Key: 1. I would apply; 2. haven't had; 3. cleverest man; 4. if she had; 5. few tourists

V. Key: 1. had practised/had been practising; 2. Are you thinking; 3. was doing; 4. hasn't been playing; 5. have lived/have been living // moved; 6. go; 7. was built; 8. lent; 9. is always forgetting.

VI. Key: 1.C 2.C 3.A 4.D 5.A 6.C 7.B 8.D 9.A 10.C

VII. Key: 1. to; 2. it; 3. about; 4. on; 5. at; 6. if; 7. of; 8. been; 9. be; 10. for